

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 and 88-109 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Figures 3-6 are revised to be labeled Prior Art as required by the Patent Office.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects species:

Catalytically active anionic species: $[\text{HRh}(\text{CO})(\text{Triphenylphosphinetrisulfonate}^-)_3]$ (total number of negative charges is 9); and

Group IIA metal cation: Ba^{2+} ;

with traverse.

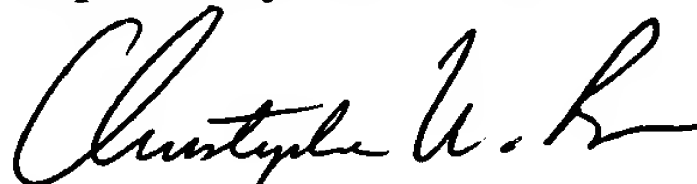
Applicants respectfully submit that at least claims 1-52, 59-63 and 88-109 read on the elected species, with at least claims 1-14, 22-52, 59-63 and 88-101 being generic to the elected species. For example, the specified catalytically active anionic species falls under claim 19 in the group metal complexes, falls under claim 20 as per the definition of the species given in the claim, and falls under claim 21 due to the presence of $\text{P}(\text{PhSO}_3^-)_3$, which is as per the definition given in the claim.

Regarding the election of species requirement, Applicants note that upon allowance of the generic claims, all of the remaining species recited in the claims should also be allowed, the number of additional species recited in the claims certainly being no more than a reasonable number.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable action on the merits with respect to all of pending claims 1-63 and 88-109
is respectfully requested.

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